GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Forest Department - Forest Protection - District Level Forest Protection Committees under the Chairmanship of District Collector for Protection of Forest and Wildlife Reconstitution - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.I) DEPARTMENT

Go.Rt.No. 568

Dated:15-11-2010

Read the following:

1. Go.Rt.No.28, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt. 3.2.2001

2. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.21089/10/X2, dt.1.6.2010

In the reference 1st read above, orders have been issued constituting District Level Forest Protection Committee in each of the Districts for protection of Forests and Wildlife under the Chairmanship of the District Collector with the DFO's at District Head Quarters, as Member convener.

- 2. Government after examining the desirability to induct some Non Official members also in the committee for better and effective implementation of the spirit of the committee, have requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad to submit proposals for reconstitution of District Level Forest Protection Committees. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide his letter 2nd read above, has submitted necessary amendment proposals.
- 3. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby reconstitute the District Level Forest Protection Committees under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors, with the following composition:-

1. District Collector : Chairman

2. Joint Collector : Member

3. Superintendent of Police : Member

4. Divisional Forest Officer/s (Territorial) : Member

5. Project Officer, ITDA : Member

6. Divisional Forest Officer at District : Member convener

Head quarters

7. Conservator of Forests : Special invitee

8. Non-Official Members (2) : Members

(To be nominated by the District Collector)

- 4. The terms of the reference of the above committee are as follows:-
 - I. The Committee will meet every month in the first week of the month to review the problems of Forests & Wildlife Protection in the District.
 - II. The Committee will review the Beat inspections carried out during the previous month, destruction enumerated, cases booked against timber smuggling and poaching, cases booked against encroachments, proposals sent by DFOs under PD Act, sanction of illegal pattas if any, law and order situation in the naxalite prone areas vis a vis forest protection etc. and suggested suitable measures to be taken for improving the forest protection in the District.

- III. The Committee will review the raids conducted in vulnerable areas by the forest Department with the help / coordination of Police Department in the District.
- IV. The Committee will over see the coordination between the Forest, Police, Tribal Welfare and Revenue Departments in the Districts and remove bottlenecks if any,
- V. The committee will examine whether the Government machinery in the districts have adequate man power and infrastructure facilities like vehicles, wireless telephone communications, accommodation, arms and ammunition etc., and adequate budget provision for forest protection, controlling of timber smuggling and poaching activity totally.
- VI. The committee will also examine the other means of improving forest and wildlife protection and make its suggestions.
- 5. The District Collectors of the concerned Districts shall take necessary action to nominate 2 non official members to the said committee after receipt of the details of the members from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad All Members through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P, Hyderabad All the District Collectors.

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